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Jan./06

Pauline Hill

Hi Gang:

I am a little behind with the New Years Letter to the MES '42 gang, but I was hoping to hear from more of you before now. However, I have some letters which I received in mid '05, so I decided to make some copies of the letters or excerpts of same, to bring our records up-to-date.

And so -- here I go..... the first fellow grad I hear from seems always to be Florence ("Floss" Riley..... I usually hear by phone from "Scotty" but this year the only news I received about her, was through her daughter "Mandy", so I will include excerpts of that letter in her Christmas card.

Best to all of you... hope 2006 is a kind(or kinder) one for all of you. Keep me posted...I'm headed for 86 in March and still going strong for the most part, so will hope to take on another year at least!



Pauline

Hi John
Your letter
was included
in all other
mailings
CJ



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CHRISTMAS 2005

...me to bring you up to date on a family of Harnish's
and what they are doing.

#1 daughter, Terry is experiencing a series of health problems, lives in Hubbards and is kind to the elderly.

#2 daughter, Susan, lives in Halifax and teaches Grade 7 in the Halifax school system. Her daughter, Angie, lives in Canmore, Alberta and is being married next summer. Andrew, Susan's son, is working on a Gov't ship, the Quest, doing scientific research in different parts of the world.

#3 son is Clyde. He and his wife Barb, live in the big old white house that we vacated when we built our "retirement" home on 100 Beach Road, overlooking the beach/ocean. They operate the Campground/cottage end of our business. Robin, Clyde's daughter, lives in Halifax and has a business there. Adam, her brother, is Clyde's "right hand", well versed in all departments of their very active summer business. Then comes Eric – different mother- who lives in Halifax and is being married this week and finally Jared, in his third year at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario and doing very well.

#4 son is Rhys, operator of the Shore Club and owner, with his wife Kim of the Dauphinee Inn. Their 6 month operation keeps them hopping. Their daughter, Kate, has her Engineering degree, from Dalhousie and is working at Michelin in Bridgewater. Luke is studying Science at Dalhousie.

Finally, we are down to Ma and Pa.....At 83 and 88, we count our blessings, and give thanks for all we see around us. On behalf of all of us, we wish you a great big joyful Christmas.

Lois and Roy



March 17, 2005 (3)

Dear Pauline:

I have just ~~read~~ reread your news letter and accompanying letters.

So now we know why Timmy didn't respond to the reunion!! - Sadly we know.

There is a tone of "winding down" in all the letters. Not too strange since we are all octogenarians! But there is an even stronger tone of joy and courage. A little bit of tarnish on the golden years can't daunt an 'M&S'er'.

This year I have done ~~did~~ a make over for the last lap. Cut my hair short and straight, new hearing aids, a root canal, two cataract operations - all big improvements at least ~~at~~ above the neck.

In October I bought a new car - a Smart Car. You've probably seen them advertised. 2 seater, diesel fuel, convertible. Getting used to it and learning to interpret the computer screen on its dashboard - at the same time as watching my driving has been a challenge. It is really fun to drive and is so constructed as to be as safe as any car can be. It would be great in the big city but this driver would not be.

My life interests are still pretty much the same: my family, my dog, my T'ai Chi practice, my physical activity (walking, swimming & curls), my homopathy, music and dreams. Perhaps it's all toned down a bit - mellowing you know. My main difficulty is my digestive system which means, as Jean King put it, I don't get around much anymore. Elsie home agreed with me most.

Last summer I had a few lovely days at a cottage with my son, daughter in law, and daughter. The cottage was on a granite rock very close to the water edge. There were loons on the lake and they came very close and "laughed" beautifully.

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We could just slip off the rock into the water for a swim. My son, (John whom you met at our last reunion) had his canoe and his guitar — so we had music by the bonfire at night. The young people did all the work so I just loafed, swam and paddled to my heart's content.

This winter we had an influx of Great Grey Owls in our area. Amazingly large creatures. When they take off to fly they look a top (front) ~~view~~. I didn't know that the big circles around their eyes are their "T.V. dishes" by which they can hear the ~~voices~~ ^{voices} under the snow, at considerable distance.

Keeping us M&Sers in touch with each other is a wonderful service of love. I am most grateful.

I hope you can read my scrawl on my elegant stationery.

With love
Florence.

P.S. I wonder if your daughter Pat knows my friend Barbara Morrell who also worked at the Folger last time I was in touch with her.

The two major events this past year have been the death of my son Peter, from cancer, in May; and the launching of a Turgian study group in Huntsville in August. The first being a deeply sad & moving; the second being the fulfillment of a dream.

from Anne Roper January 25, 2005 (cc)

My dear Pauline,

Herewith the "info" you asked for - what a lovely idea! My Dad was a Rotarian for many years in Niagara Falls and a director of the local club as "the Banker." I'm so glad that Alan was alive to see his two great-grandsons, 1 for 1 year; & 6 mos. the 2nd one; as the others are all from 8 years up to 35 years!!

I hope my "high-lighting" of Evelyn's "obit" won't mess the copying!?! I believe she told me that it was pancreatic Cancer - not a very nice one I should say.

Pass on my love to all the old "M.E.S'ers", Will you, dear. affectionately, Anne RF

TINDALE, Evelyn R.N. Passed away Cancer at the Norfolk General Hospital Saturday April 24, 2004. Miss Evelyn Tindale of Simcoe in her 83rd year. Dear friend of Olga Wallace of Simcoe. Loving sister William (Frances) Tindale of Hamilton, late Gordon Tindale (1978) and his wife Marguerite of Cobourg. Beloved Aunt of late Jock Tindale (Mary) of London, Patrick Snyder (Chris) of Mississauga, Barba Weaver (Murray) of Hamilton, Joseph Tindale (Helen) of Guelph, Michael Tindale (Kathy) of Sutton, Donna Henderson (John) of Cobourg and Brenda Osborne (Doug) of Edmonton. Evelyn will be sadly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Evelyn was born in 1922 in Fossil Lake, Saskatchewan. She grew up in Hamilton, attending Westdale Secondary School. She was a graduate of Margaret Eaton School of Physical Education in 1942. Teaching at the Y.W.C.A. in Hamilton and Sherbrooke. She became a Registered Nurse in 1950, having graduated from Hamilton General Hospital. After working in the hospital setting, she entered Public Health Nursing with a Diploma from the University of Western Ontario. Later taking Administration and Supervisor of Public Health Nursing at the University of Toronto. Came to Norfolk Health Unit in 1962 as supervisor. Attended Lakehead University to earn a Bachelor of Nursing Science Degree in 1970. She then returned to Simcoe to become Director of Public Health Nursing at the Haldimand Norfolk Health Department until her retirement in 1986. At Evelyn's request cremation has taken place. There will be a memorial service at the FERRIS FUNERAL HOME, 214 Norfolk St. S., Simcoe (519-426-1314) on Saturday May 1st, 2004 at 12 noon. Reverend Tony Bouwmeester Officiating. Private family interment at a later date. If so desired, donations may be made in Evelyn's Memory to Bird Studies Canada, P.O. Box 160 Port Rowan, NOE 1M0, or the Alzheimer's Society. The family is grateful for the kindness and caring of the health care professionals and friends, who cared for Evelyn in her home and hospital.

Here's an excerpt from Scotty's daughter Mandy's Christmas card to me. Mandy worked in Welcome Wagon's Office for a short while, and we have kept in touch (at Christmas) ever since. PH

"Mom has moved into Portal Village, Elgin St., Port Colborne. It's "assisted living". She's got a whole new audience to organize. Failed her driver's test 3 times, so sold car...now has a scooter. Don't expect to hear from Mom unless she calls you -- she can't stand still long enough to send anyone a card. Hyperactive at 86. She never did care for writing anyone".

AND A FINAL NOTE FROM PAULINE HILL

I apologize for the "format" of this New Years' Letter, but perhaps my age (86 in March) will be the excuse.....I do however keep very busy in two directions: A busy Rotarian (my pet passion is once again enclosed...and I am in charge of delivering baby clothing, etc., to 12 Community Agencies in Toronto, plus I make an average of 30 Welcome Visits monthly, my commission all going to charities. PH

Dear Paulie.

Tel 905
835-
8570

March 4th/06
Portal Village Home
300 ELGIN ST.
PORT CARBORNE ONT
L3K 6A3

At last I have found some note
Paper and a ink pen -

I had moved so many Times I have
lost with my Brain where I have put
stuff - but make lists of friends to write

Moved from home on Lake Erie soed to
Ray's young get boy - and had a sale to
give money to buy for my Bed sitting
room here at Portal Home Village -

needed a Single bed Dresser - and tables
lamps - Folding tables - ^{and one cupboard + sink} for ⁴ Cups. ⁴ Saucers
Spoons large one small ones - forks for cakes

Our rooms are large enough with
one large Clothes Cupboard with shelves above

Three ³ windows one opens - Faces West for
Sunshine day and a good view of The
sunsets - when it shines -

All our meals are prepared by a
pro cook & diet graduate - So far I have
enjoyed every mouth full - The tables
are set for 8 + 4 + a 2 (like me) - My Partner
has lost her memory and so the med. sister
counted on me to help Verna and ^{she} follow
me to Craft classes - Movies - outings in either
the 14 passenger bus or 8 passenger car - to close
malls - parks - Green Houses for live plants etc.

Geedy was the first to pick me up
 when I fell April 10th - between the
 Toilet and the Tub - but I wigged my
 way to pull the Phone down and
 "Haley" answered my ringing and
 he yelled "Daddy" "Mommy" and
 "Crying" - Luckily he had key to apt
 and door - Called the hospital for an
 ambulance that took me to Welland
 No bones broken - X Rays - So came back
 to the Steele St. apt^{then} and went to Geedy
 & Cheryl home on the Lake Erie, Morgans Point
 Then Geedy got a place here at the
 Portal Home and sold my car and
 got me a "Skooter" (a one seater that I
 can use to go to corner mall - the
 Library - Bank - Post Office - So many
 here have Battery operated Chairs or Skooters
 Been History Class Teacher who has
 been over guide at all our high schools
 - apts and Homes has arranged a 7 day
 to Charleston & Savannah trip with one nurse
 to keep the Pills - (I have been on six years
 with George (taker History Trips and
 so glad I can walk with a cane or feeding
 walker - The Bump on my head is the only
~~proof that~~ I lost my Brain & memories -
 (that are coming back ~~slowly~~ slowly)
 especially names ???

If I continue to Travel Mandy
 will drive down from Ingersoll,
 near London ~~breakley~~ and come
 good weather drive ~~we~~ back there
 to see what her 3 Storey Yellow Brick
 Vintage Home looks like. She
 always liked to Fix and fuss - and
 has a (Stairway that curls up 2 ^{1/2} floors
 and a mud Room - decks - 3 bath
 rooms. None were fixed by the
 2 doctors who used the place
 for many many years - so it
 is costing a fortune to do everything
 in the past 2 years - so she still
 has to unpack Boxes and go to
 the Storage place for ^{her} furniture
 yesterday ~~Cheryl's~~ ^{Cheryl's} Chosen Child is Hailey
 12 years old and takes up figure
 skating - and has received 9 Golden
 Badges and Chosen to double Skate
 (dancing with a Boy - Spent last Summer
 is "Barbie" with a Coach and boarded
 with a dance teacher - So one day
 we may see her in the Olympics -
 Got to go the bell is ringing for lunch
 Will try to Bus over to Royal York for
 the day (your Rotary day) and have a
 hug and a bite with you - Love as always
 Scatty - 17.3

P.S. No dishes ^{it} to wash - No Clothes
to launder or iron - NO bed
to make or change - No Vacuum to
use - So just Eat - sleep -
watch T.V. go for short Bus rides
have a driver to take us to
appointments or Bank -

They have a group of Volunteers
who have a Truckshop - morning
and afternoons for cards, Candy
Stamps - pop-tea - coffee & cookies
Entertainment, Local Talented
Piano - organ - orchestra - Sing-a-long
Craft classes and artistic Teachers.

So you see happy lucky I am
to be here and save Mandy and
Peter - Goddy, Cheryl to worry about
Jedie me -

Willing to keep in touch

Love again
Scotty



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